

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 18:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, so as to eliminate certain exceptions to the required
3 use of safety belts; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-8-76.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the use of
8 safety belts in passenger vehicles, is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting in its
9 place a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'passenger vehicle' means every motor vehicle,
11 including, but not limited to, pickup trucks, vans, or sport utility vehicles, designed to carry
12 ten passengers or ~~less~~ fewer and used for the transportation of persons. Such term shall not
13 include motorcycles, motor driven cycles, or farm vehicles equipped for and used primarily
14 for off-road agricultural use but shall not mean pickup trucks, motorcycles, motor driven
15 cycles, or vehicles equipped for off-road use, provided that the term 'passenger vehicle'
16 includes any sport utility vehicle and also includes pickup trucks for any occupant who is
17 ~~under 18 years of age.~~"

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2006.

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.